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Several factories, including the Gumownia, Wolczanka, Swiebodzickie, Brzesinskie, and Prochnik plants and the Headwear Factories Section B in Lodz, Section E in Biala, and Section A in Bielsk, have not met quality standards. Quality must be improved by labor competition methods. Although much progress has been achieved in 1948 and 1949, labor competition is far from satisfactory. The Central Committee for Labor Competition, as well as factory committees, has shown a lack of initiative with adverse effects on individual workers.

In the first phase of the labor competition, 17,648 workers, or 45 percent of the total employed, participated in groups and 5,582, or 14 percent, in individual competition. In the second phase, 800 groups, totaling 20,227 workers, and 6,080 individual workers, or a total of 68 percent of all workers, participated.

Although many workers submitted technical innovations and improvements, their projects usually received scant consideration and were treated in a perfunctory manner. Awards, if any, were given after much delay.

A serious handicap of the clothing industry is the accumulation of large stocks of manufactured products in the factories. On 30 September 1949 the value of these stocks was estimated at 876,210,848 zlotys. The Central Sales Office of the Clothing Industry, retail cooperative outlets of "Spolem," and General Merchandise Stores have been refusing to receive the finished goods, stating there was no demand for them. Even the ministries, particularly the Ministry of Transportation, have been refusing to accept the delivery of goods ordered.

**CIGARETTE FACTORY GETS NEW MACHINES** -- Tygodnik Polski [London], No 36, 3 Sep 49

Forty-four new cigarette-manufacturing machines have been installed at the Polish Tobacco Monopoly factory in Radom. Teddy Hull, representative of the Anglo-American Industrial Company installed the machines.

**YEAST INDUSTRY COMPLETES PLAN** -- Rzeczpospolita, No 294, 25 Oct 49

The Association of Yeast Industries announced the completion of the 1949 plan. The aggregate value of yeast produced during the first 9 months of 1949 was 11,500,000 zlotys in 1937 prices.

**POLAND IMPORTS FATS FROM RUSSIA** -- Trybuna Ludu, No 298, 29 Oct 49

In the near future, Poland is to receive from the Soviet Union the first shipment of "salomaz," a semimanufactured vegetable fat for the manufacture of margarine, "ceres", etc. Approximately 8,000 tons of this product will be shipped to Poland this year for the Polish CZPT (Central Administration of the Fats Industry).

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KNITWEAR INDUSTRY FULFILLS PLAN -- Rzeczpospolita, No 294, 25 Oct 49

In physical volume, the knitwear industry fulfilled its plan 107.9 percent in September and 105.7 percent in August. In value, the plan was completed 108.6 percent in September and 105.5 percent in August.

Of all knitwear manufactured 87.6 percent was top quality, 1.4 percent more than required in the 1949 plan. Also 94 percent of all sweaters, 90.8 percent of all hosiery, and 89.4 percent of underwear was top quality.

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